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Letter To Editor

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To the Editor:

I have a few comments that I would like to make public, concerning the meeting at the courthouse and the tax rate increase. It was said then that the law required a public notice of this meeting 15 days before having it. I can't understand our elected officials and others who are supposed to be our neighbors, friends and fellow citizens, in making such a statement about a matter as important as a tax hike, especially with the economic conditions we are now experiencing. They should have at least had the decency to advertise it the sam.: week so all could take part that were concerned. But this and the already planned rate increase ought to tell those there something about what's going on in this country.

As some of us already knew, the county school system was the number one expense and probably item for discussion at that time. IN my opinion, the educational system of this nation, the colleges first and now the lower school systems, have done more to destroy the foundations that this country was built upon than anything else has or ever will do. Socialism has made far greater advances into our American way of life since the Roosevelt administration to now, than in the whole history of our nation.

We are now at a great pace of being conditioned by certain groups and individuals at high levels for a complete take over of our Republican and capitalistic form of government by a socialistic type.

The statement has been made that we split our breeches when we let the Federal level take over our schools. We now have Federal schools instead of public schools, which came about by taking Federal money with probably no strings attached, at first. Now the parent has lost control of the education of his children to a bunch of beaucratic intellectual socialist trained in the art of brain-washing the youth of our nation in the study and knowledge of God, American history of our forefathers, patriotism and how to look to their own hands for a living instead of an all powerful government. Children are taught the lie of evolution instead of divine creation by God, with no teaching real moral character, discipline or a dress code. Those that say that we should be proud of our school system should take a good long hard look at the finished product of today.

I feel it is time that the taxpayer, the parent, ask the local school board, just who do they take their orders from? The answer is not from the local people, but from the state board of education in Richmond. The law of Virginia forbids the election of school boards. Why? This way they do not have to answer to the electorate.

It is a sad thing indeed that the Americans of today do not believe that we can lose our liberty as other nations of the past have experienced. I don't know why it is that the citizens of this nation can't recognize the socialist bend that the three levels of government are on and now we have a fourth level called regional government upon us. Can't people recognize the term "world" that most of the leaders of our nation are casting about, which tells us that in the near future we shall be a member of a one world government through the Communist monster called United Nations. But here is where the brain-washing effect comes in and proves what a useful and effective tool it has been against us and our historic way of life.

The change of our Virginia Constitution in 1970 is something else that the people of this state were brain-washed into voting their approval for the so called needed changes, but little did they know or were told what was involved in these changes. Now we find ourselves with another layer of government called regional government, which is unconstitutional according to the U. S. Constitution, and planning district commissions, over top of our locally elected officials. This is something else that you, the taxpayer, should know about and I will do so at a later date.

We surrendered once at Appomattox, now we've surrendered enough.

Clyde T. Mayberry
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Lloyd Vaughan
Editor
Times Virginian

Dear Mr. Vaughan:

Lots of times we take for granted many small things that people do for us and our children. In this day and time most people are in such a hurry that they haven't the time to work out small problems that occur in our everyday life. Appomattox is fortunate enough to have such a person, Mr. H. A. Paulette, Supervisor of Transportation for our County Schools. He cares for children and is always there when a parent needs counseling. We are looking forward to our next school year knowing that our children are in such capable and trustworthy hands. Thank you for all you have done.

Submitted by a local citizen.

Itinerary For Poland Tour

The Liberty Youth Singers received from the Ambassadors for Friendship the basic program for their sojourn in Poland this past week. On day one and two, they will depart from JFK International airport in New York. They will go to New York by bus. Their first stop will be in Warsaw, Poland for accomdations in hotel and leisure time to arrest the jet lag in time change.

Day, three through eight, they will have a sightseeing tour of Warsaw with a skilled guide, see a film about the city and visit the History Museum, the La zienka Park and the Ethnographic Museum and give informal concerts.

They will then go to Olsztn and take part in concerts of the "Olsztyn's Musical July" and annual enterprise organized by the Polish Society of Musical Youth, and in concerts organized in big industrial plants. They will have a sight-seeing tour of the town of Olsztyn including the Castle, excursion to the place of historical battle Grunwald fields, and rest at the Hotel By The Lake. They will then go to the student rest center in Gizycko and there will give concerts for students and city inhabitants. This town is under the Socialist Union of Polish Students Patronage. On the ninth day they will depart after breakfast for Gdansk, en route visiting Frombork. On the tenth through the fourteenth day their sojourn in Gdansk will include a sight-seeing guide visiting the monuments of Gdansk and the Tri-City, and organ concert in Oliwa's Cathedral, a boat excursion to Hel Penensula and an excursion to the former Nazi concentration camp in Stutthof. They will give concerts in student clubs, in Culture House of Gdansk Shipyard, in rest centers of so called "kashubian Switzerland" and in student and youth camps.

The fifteenth day on their departure from Gdansk they will visit en route the Teutonic Castel and the Amber Museum in Malbork and then will arrive in Torun for accomadations in the International Student Hotel.

The sixteenth day they will have a sightseeing tour of the old and the new town, Copernicus House, House Under The Star and Merinotex industrial plant and social facilities. They will then go to Bydgoszcz and give a concert in the folk park. After a sight seeing tour of this town they will return to Torun for dinner and an evening in the student clubs.

The 17th day they will go on a Promenade by boat on the Vistula River. They will then go to Piwnice and visit the astronomical observatory and return to Torun for dinner and give a two hour concert on the court yard of the town hall followed by an evening in the student clubs.

The 18th day they will depart to the Piastowski Route and arrive at the rest center of the Union of Socialistic Youth in Wenecia where they will receive and old Polish greeting by the regional Song and Dance Ensemble of Bydgoszcz Region. They will lunch together with the Polish Youth and visit and talk with them giving an informal concert. Then they will go on a Kajak route to Biskupin, siting the Prislavanoc settlement and on return, visit the skansen of narrow gauged railway, followed by dinner which will including roasting a lamb over a campfire combined with common concert performances and then return to Torun late in the evening.

The 19th day they will go to Tuchola Forests and Charzykowskie Lake, visiting Chelm en route, and a reserve of old Polish yews in Chojnice. Upon arrival in Charzykowe they will have a luncheon and rest in rest centers of Trade Unions, and then visit Union of Polish Scouts and Student. Camps by way of Kayaks, boats and yachts. There will be a formal dinner followed by a three hour concert by the singers in a Summer Movie Amphitheatre, then they will return to Torun.

The 20th day they will depart to Plock for a sight seeing tour of the town and depart to the student centers in Sorzewka for rest and a camp fire outing giving informal concerts. They will then return to Warsaw.

The 21st day they will go on an excursion to the home of K. Pulaski-Warka, visiting the museum. There will be an afternoon of leisure in Warsaw followed by a concert by the Liberty Youth Singers. This will be followed by a farewell evening in the student club "Stodola".

The 22nd they will depart from Warsaw, Poland, with their destination being the good old United States. Upon their arrival to JFK Airport in New York at 12:10 noon they will depart immediately by bus to their hometown, Appomattox, Virginia.

The Singers will take numerous gifts to the Polish people including, bubble gum, whistles, kazoo, harmonicas, costume jewelry, potato peelers, souvenirs, picture plates, books, lipstick, chewing gum, pencils, pens, tiny note pads, etc. All can be shipped free if packaged beforehand. Any contributions of these articles will be graciously accepted.

Forty-six people including their director, Mrs. J. Franklin Vaughan will be making this concert tour of Poland. Chaperones for the trip will be Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Bowman, Mrs. Kenneth Jamerson, tour nurse, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Marshall. They will take letters of greeting from the governor, congressman and town mayor. These are to be presented by the choir director at appropriate times. The Singers will also be accompanied and chaperoned by a staff from the Ambassadors for Friendship Office. They will have an interpretor and skilled guide and tour personel as they go on their way.

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The Pastor Speaks

In Psalm 18:29 we read, "with the help of God I leaped over a wall." Here is a Biblical scene easily created. IN battle, David finds himself trapped . . He was against a stone wall. There seemed no way out; he prays for help. Then he takes a running start and leaps over the wall to safety. Years later he reflected on this experience and writes this Psalm.

Faith made the difference. Faith in God always enables us to leap over walls. There are three walls that often shut us in, according to Paul Tillich in his book, **The Courge To Be.**

(1) **The Meaninglessness of Life.** To be bearable, life must have a purpose. When life is humdrum, routine and pointless we fail to find joy in living. It is only the Spirit of God that can give our lives direction and purpose.

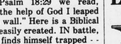
(2) **The Anxiety of Sin and Guilt.** Sin corners us. We may deny it or try to forget it, but sooner or later it corners us. What can we do? The Bible is plain and clear: "If we confess our sins and then He is faithful and just to forgive." It is through confession and faith that we can leap over this wall.

(3) **Suffering and Death.** These come to every person. Suffering is ageless and death is timeless. Can we live without God? For awhile, yes. Sooner or later we will be fenced in; then only the leap of faith can save us.

A strong faith can enable us to see beauty in life, can cast off the burden of sin and guilt, and enable us to live in the Spirit of Christ.

Rev. J. J. Bowman,
Interim Pastor,
Liberty Baptist Church

The Sunday School Lesson



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Comment on the International Sunday School lesson for Sunday, June 16, 1974.

Topic: Christ's Coming, Our Hope.

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 4-5.

Beloved, we are God's children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. 1 John 3:2.

The early Christians confidently expected and eagerly awaited the return to earth of Jesus Christ. He himself had promised to return after going away. The apostles who had witnessed His ascension reported that as they were gazing into heaven after Jesus had disappeared in a cloud, two men said to them, "Men of Galilee . . . This Jesus, who was taken from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Nearness to these promises no doubt nourished the hope of an early return of Jesus Christ. People tend to anticipate the early realization of promises. In their ardent wish for the return of their Lord, the early Christians apparently forgot that promises may be a long time in the realization. If they thought about it at all, they failed to see any significance for the return of Jesus Christ in the centuries-long wait before the promise of the Messiah was fulfilled.

It was perhaps well that they did not anticipate a long interval before the Lord's coming. The anticipation intensified a loyalty to Jesus Christ, a desire to be found ready when He should come. Their loyalty and interest might have been less had they not expected Christ to return to earth momentarily. On the other hand, the long wait for His coming seems to have conditioned many contemporary Christians to think that it may yet be a long time before it takes place. Neither view, an imminent return or a long-delayed coming, can be justified from Scripture. Christ will come. When? No one knows.

Paul shared the belief in an imminent return of Christ. When he wrote his First Letter to the Thessalonians, he expected Christ to come during his lifetime: "we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord . . ." He evidently preached the imminent return of Christ, for the Thessalonian Christians had questions about it which Paul had not answered during his brief stay among them. These questions may have not arisen until Paul had left; they were evidently much debated among the Thessalonian Christians, and Timothy probably reported them to Paul on returning from his visit to Thessalonica.

One question concerned the fate of those Christians who had died before the return of Christ. Paul, who was a convinced believer in the resurrection of the body before he became a Christian, answered the question with a vivid description of what Christ's return will be like and the assurance, which he attributed to revelation, that "through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep." Both the deceased and the living believer will share in the blessing and glory of Christ's return.

The Thessalonians had another question, when would Christ return? This question continues to enter into consideration of His return and has been the topic of much speculation. Jesus Himself had said that no one, not even the angels, knew the time of the Lord's return, and Paul reminded the Thessalonians that they already knew "that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night."

Belief in an imminent return had led some Christians to give up their work and suspend their normal activities in thinking it would come soon. Paul rebuked such an attitude; Christians are children of light and therefore need not be surprised by Christ's coming. That return, however imminent, does not justify stopping work to await it. There is the hint, too, that some Thessalonians were glad of any excuse not to work, an attitude which drew neither sympathy nor understanding from Paul.

The return of Christ is a great hope of the Christian. It is the assurance of the ultimate triumph of God over evil in the world, which is the Christian's earnest desire. It is also the assurance of the believer's union, for eternity, with Christ, which is the Christian's most precious prospect.

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... Mary (Fran) Thompson, shown above, displays a ...ild trophy won Sunday, June 9th, for showing a 1959 ...ir in the first annual Corvette Show in Danville. The ... sponsored by Last Capital Corvette Club.

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... was a large crowd at ... Sunday morning ior ...cation Service. Rev. ...ller brought us a fine

... W. H. Wingfield and ...ildis are among the ... We pray each one ...d well.

... Mrs B. M. Webb and ... Mrs. Scot Steets ...e home of Mr. and ...n Terrence Sunday

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... C. B. Baston, Mrs. ... Reynolds and Mrs. ...emon visited Miss ...ston in the Jamerson ...Home in Pamplin and ...gie Branch and Mrs. ...nia Tuesday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Rivand Mayberry and Mrs. Ioan Mayberry of Newport News, spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Deaner and family. Mrs. Ioan Mayberry is spending some time in the Deaner home.

Those calling last week in the home of Mrs. Charlie Bagby were Mr. and Mrs. Edmund, Mrs. James Woodall, Mrs. Jackie Woodall and Windy, Mrs. Kenneth Deaner and Mrs. Bill Watson and William, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woodall and Lisa spent the week end in this home.

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